

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; and Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, and John Frost, Council Member, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nuclear Posture Review, after receiving testimony from James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and General Kevin P. Chilton, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense; Ellen O. Tauscher, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; and Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

CHINA'S EXCHANGE RATE POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine China's exchange rate policy and trade imbalances, after receiving testimony from Senator Graham; Clyde Prestowitz, Economic Strategy Institute, Nicholas Lardy, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Daniel J. Ikenson, Cato Institute, and Derek Scissors, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles H. Blum, Fair Currency Coalition, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Mark A. Suwyn, NewPage Corporation, Miamisburg, Ohio; and Jack W. Shilling, Murrysburg, Pennsylvania.

2011: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2011, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2010, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2012 through 2015.

IMPACTS OF OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the environmental and economic impacts of ocean acidification, after receiving testimony from James P. Barry, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Moss

Landing, California, on behalf of the National Academies Committee on Development of an Integrated Science Strategy for Ocean Acidification Monitoring, Research, and Impacts Assessment; Thomas Ingram, Diving Equipment and Marketing Association, San Diego, California; John T. Everett, Ocean Associates, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Sigourney Weaver, New York, New York; and Donald A. Waters, Pensacola, Florida.

DEBT SETTLEMENT INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the debt settlement industry, focusing on the consumer's experience, and how fraudulent, abusive, and deceptive practices pose risk to consumers, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Julie Brill, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Philip A. Lehman, North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh; John Ansbach, United States Organizations of Bankruptcy Alternatives (USOBA), Houston, Texas; and Holly A. Haas, Concord, New Hampshire.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting global food security, focusing on the next steps for Congress and the Administration, after receiving testimony from Jacob Lew, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources; Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID); and Dan Glickman, Washington, DC, and Catherine Bertini, Cortland, New York, both of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TRANSITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine challenges and lessons learned in transitioning the Federal government including S. 3196, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide that certain transition services shall be available to eligible candidates before the general election, after receiving testimony from Gail Lovelace, Chief People Officer, General Services Administration; Clay Johnson, former Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and John D. Podesta, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, both of Washington, DC.